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800-bed COVID Care Centre at Chamundi Vihar Stadium

- Second such facility in city after KSOU Academic Block
- Now, Mysuru District has 3,500 beds ready for COVID care

MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, DYES Assistant Director K. Suresh and others inspecting the stadium yesterday.

Mysuru, July 14 (RK&BNR)- The outbreak of COVID-19 brought to a standstill all the academic, sporting and business activities across the globe during the initial stages in March this year. With no respite from the deadly pandemic any sooner, every possible activity has restarted with precautionary measures in place as per the guidelines released by the Government from time to time.

While Education Department took to alternative ways to keep their wards updated through online mode deserting the vast academic blocks, sporting venues seem to have been abandoned with no activity and few businesses including theatre and hospitality closing down. However, the spacious academic blocks and sporting arenas are now a boon with each one of them being converted into COVID Care Centre (CCC) as and when required.

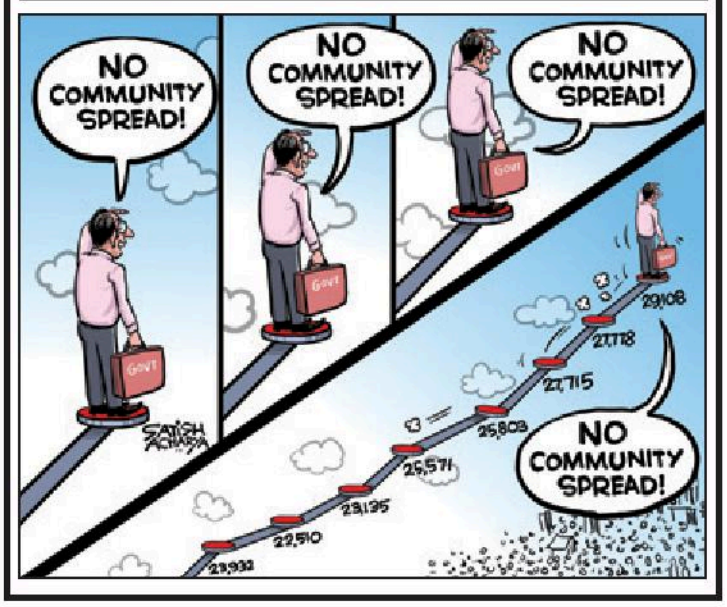
In the wake of the rising number of Corona positive cases with Mysuru District recording 447 active positive cases and 37 deaths till yesterday, first such CCC was set up by the District Administration at the KSOU Academic Block near Mysore Airport in Mandakalli and now, the spacious Chamundi Vihar Indoor Stadium in Nazarbad is being readied as the second CCC in the District.

Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abhiram G. Sankar, who inspected the Stadium on Sunday, said: "Mysuru District now has around 3,500 beds including 150 beds at the designated COVID Hospital, 500 beds at ESI Hospital, 90 at Vikram Hospital, 500-plus at KSOU Academic Block, 1,500 at Morarji Desai Residential Schools and 800-bedded facility that is being readied at Chamundi Vihar Stadium."

(See BED on page 7)

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



II PU: 61.80 pass percentage

City students Brunda and Yashas bag 2nd, 3rd ranks in State

Brunda

Yashas

Bengaluru / Mysuru, July 14- The much-anticipated II PUC exam (2019-2020) results that was announced this morning saw a pass percentage of 61.80.

The Karnataka Pre-University Education Department, which was scheduled to announce the results on its website *(www.karresults.nic.in)* later this afternoon, sprang a surprise by announcing the result in the morning itself, a couple of hours ahead of the previously announced schedule.

As per the results, girls have outsmarted boys in pass percentage. While girls recorded 68.73 percent, the percentage of boys stood at 54.77 percent.

(See II PU on page 7)

Sachin Pilot sacked

Jaipur, July 14- The Congress party today sacked Sachin Pilot as Rajasthan Deputy CM and Congress State Party Chief amid rebellion.

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Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases	:	151
Cumulative POSITIVE cases	:	966
Total ACTIVE cases	:	447
Persons discharged	:	482
Deaths	:	37

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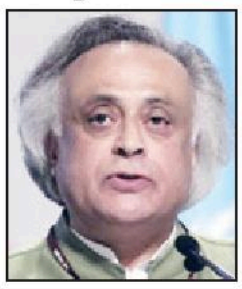
STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.
Mysuru, Tuesday 14th July 2020

YouTube live streaming of JC Wadiyar's birth centenary on July 18

Venkaiah Naidu

Dr. Karan Singh



Jairam Ramesh

Mysuru, July 14- The concluding event of the birth centenary celebrations of Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar will be streamed online on YouTube (https://youtu.be/XUUG8izrirl) on July 18 at 11 am.

Vice-President of India M. Venkaiah Naidu will deliver the inaugural address. Former Union Minister Dr. Karan Singh will deliver his address titled 'Reflections' and MP Jairam Ramesh will speak on 'Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, the public figure.'

Pramoda Devi Wadiyar will deliver the opening remarks at the event organised by His Highness Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar Foundation.

Alur Venkataraya's 140th birth anniversary celebrated

The 140th birth anniversary of 'Kannada Kula Purohita' Alur Venkataraya was celebrated recently under the auspices of Samarpana Educational and Endowment Charitable Trust. Seen are** (from left) **M.S. Balasubramanyam, Hon.Secretary, C. Somanna, Retired Karnataka Police Band artiste, Rajendraprasad Honnalagere, Treasurer and N. Koushik, social worker.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

When Internet 2.0 happened, there was a wide belief that this would enable readers to voice their opinions in the comments section leading to better dialogue and debate. Unfortunately, the comments section, instead of becoming a site for democratic mediation of ideas, soon descended to a gladiatorial arena drawing more blood than ideas. Many publications opted to shut down the comments section fully. The unbridled space, and the choice to be anonymous, offered by platform companies like Facebook and Twitter amplifies hate, bigotry and misogyny. Debate has given way for shrill acrimonious exchanges that often end up as personal abuse.

— A.S. Panneerselvan in The Hindu.

NEWS SPARKLERS

Woman buried alive by neighbours escapes miraculously

Poltava: A 57-year-old woman from Ukraine recently made news for surviving a brutal assault by her drunk neighbors which saw her beaten for hours and then digging her own grave in the local cemetery.

Earlier this month, media outlets from the Ukrainian region of Poltava reported the shocking case of Nina Rudchenko, a woman who managed to survive after being buried alive by her violent neighbors. The woman told Police that she was inside her house in the village of Maryanske when two local brothers stormed in and started hitting her with their fists and a baseball bat. The woman claims to have been badly beaten hours before blacking out and waking up at the local cemetery.

When the pit was ready she was told to lie in it as the two started covering her up with dirt. Nina Rudchenko managed to escape the shallow pit and crawl back to her house, where she passed out. She was found lying on the floor by her sister, who then called Police.

People put in 'Haunted House' for breaking COVID-19 rules

Java: A local politician on Indonesia's Java Island, fed up with people constantly neglecting self-isolation and quarantine rules, decided to lock rule breakers in a haunted house to set an example for others.

Kusdinar Untung Yuni Sukowati, the head of Sragen regency came up with the idea of taping into the locals' fear of ghosts as a way to deal with an influx of newcomers in the area. Sragen has started seeing a lot of people coming in, many of whom completely violating the rules. To make sure people started respecting the rules, Kusdinar started putting offenders in long-abandoned house that many believe is haunted and turned it into a quarantine center for rule breakers. So far three people have been ordered to spend 14 days there.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How much acid does my stomach make?

Every 24 hours, your stomach produces about 68 OZ (2L) of stomach acid, technically known as hydrochloric acid. Stomach acid is so powerful that in one study, razor blades immersed in it lost 37% of their mass within 24 hours. Hydrochloric acid is used in industry to remove rust from metal.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

I PU supplementary exam cancelled

Mysuru, July 14- The supplementary examinations scheduled for I year PU students from July 16 have been cancelled.

The Department of Pre-University Education has announced the cancellation of the exams, following the spike in COVID-19 cases and considering the safety of students. As explained by Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar, the students will be promoted to II PU.

However, the students who were absent for exams due to health issues will be allowed to write the exams once the colleges reopen. "The students who have appeared for exams and are unable to clear them will be promoted to II PU, but those who were absent for exams will be given an opportunity to write them later," said Kumar.

Recently the Department had issued a circular, directing colleges to conduct supplementary examinations at the college level. Several students and academicians raised objections to this and demanded that the Government cancel the exams, keeping students' health in mind.

Admission to Ganabharathi School of Music and Dance

Mysuru, July 14- Various courses under Music and Dance will be conducted by Ganabharathi School of Music and Dance, Kuvempunagar. Admissions will commence from July 27. Teaching will be imparted on online basis in view of the Corona pandemic until such time the Government of Karnataka permits conducting regular classes.

Candidates interested to take up any of the courses in Music and Dance are requested to contact the Principal of the School on any working day between 10. 30 am - 12.30 pm and between 5 pm - 6 pm following the COVID rules strictly.

Courses offered are: Karnatak Classical Vocal and Sugama Sangeetha, Bharathanatya, Veene, Violin, Mridanga, Flute and Keyboard. Classes will commence from Aug. 1, 2020. For details contact Principal Latha Deshpande on Mob: 78998-50292 or Ph: 0821- 2560313.

Really...?

- *Each time you see a full moon you always see the same side.*
- *The only continent with no active volcanoes is Australia.*
- *African Grey Parrots have vocabularies of over 200 words.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Question: *What is the longest word in English language?*

Answer: *"Smiles." Because there is a mile between its first and last letters!!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 75.48
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 94.53
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.55
1 Euro	= Rs. 85.58

VOICE OF THE READER

Dr. Kannan: Tribute to a noble soul

Sir,

Apropos Dr. Javeed Nayeem's recent write-up on Dr. Kannan, yes, it happened during the lockdown and I am sure being a humble, caring and honest person that he was, he wouldn't have wished for a showy farewell.

Dr. Kannan, a father like figure, who was well-known as a family doctor, especially to most of us from Mysuru and Kodagu who only frequented 'The Pathology Lab' later known as just Kannan's, for all our pathological tests, will be dearly missed.

Doctor nodding his head in reply to our good morning, drawing blood would be painless and his advice thereafter to keep the elbow folded with the cotton swab in place and to be seated outside for sometime before leaving, still rings in our ears. And this is done to each and every patient who sits in front of him for examination.

Our yearly medical examination is incomplete without a report from Dr Kannan and all of us have so much trust and confidence in the readings that going for a second opinion is unheard of.

Right from registration to the report handover, the discipline maintained by the staff is friendly and professional and the way everyone would be at attention when Dr. Kannan walked in on the dot was a sight to see, which only reflected the leadership or should we say the captain's strict standards.

Like mentioned in the article, *'Over a Cup of Evening Tea,'* the father has left behind his sons, Dr. Lakshman and Dr. Praveen, who are like-minded, professional, capable and experienced to carry on the exemplary work in the field of medical sciences.

May his soul rest in peace is our prayer!

—Indira Ganapathy
on e-mail

Yadavagiri
12.7.2020

Obituary

B.H. Nagarathnamma

Mysuru, July 14- B.H. Nagarathnamma (90), a senior Akashavani artiste, wife of late B. Hiriyannaiah and a resident of Sunnadakeri in K.R. Mohalla, passed away this morning in city.

She leaves behind one son, two daughters, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

A senior Gamaka artiste, she was the recipient of Kittur Rani Chennamma Award and Karnataka Rajyotsava Award.

She had served as the Vice-President of Mysuru District Gamaka Kala Parishat and as a member of Karnataka Sangeetha Nruthya Academy.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill today, according to sources.

R. Puttaswamy

R. Puttaswamy (67), proprietor of Pooja Floorings at Hootagalli Industrial Area, Member of Mysore Industries Association and an RTI activist, passed away on Friday (July 10) in city.

He leaves behind his wife M. S. Jalajakshi, son P. Shreekant, daughter-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites was performed at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam on Friday, according to sources.

Youth killed as lightning strikes

Mandya, July 14 (Nagaiah&KS)- A youth was killed on the spot while his father and brother sustained severe injuries, when lightning struck them at Tigalanahalli village in Nagamangala taluk coming under Bellur Police limits yesterday evening.

While the deceased has been identified as Pratap (27), the injured are 51-year-old Puttananjegowda and 24-year-old Prashanth. Two goats have also died due to the lightning.

Yesterday evening, Puttananjegowda along with his two sons had been to their agricultural field and as rain began to pour at about 5 am, they had taken shelter under a Banyan Tree during which the lightning struck the tree killing Pratap and the two goats on the spot.

Others, who were working in nearby fields rushed to the spot, informed the villagers and also to Bellur Police, who visited the spot, conducted mahazar and shifted the injured to a hospital besides shifting the dead to the mortuary. Bellur Police have registered a case.

New Team for Rotary Ivory City

Mysuru, July 14- The following are the new office-bearers of Rotary Ivory City Mysuru. President Rtn. B. Harish and his team of Directors were installed by Past Asst. Governor, Rtn. H. R. Keshava on July 3. The team includes Rtn. S. Balachandar, Immediate Past President, Rtn. M. N. Ramesh, Vice-President, Rtn. Iftekhar Ahmed, President-Elect, Rtn. Dr. M. K. Sachidanandan, Hon. Secretary, Rtn. Pooja Baliga, Outgoing Secretary, Rtn. Babu Attar and Rtn. Poonam Harish, Joint Secretaries, Rtn. Ananth Nagaraj, Sergeant-at-Arms and Directors: Rtn. Shobha Nagaraj, Club Service, Rtn. Jyothi Mukesh, Vocational Service, Rtn. Shabana Iftekhar, Community Service, Rtn. M. Perumal, International Service, Rtn. Thein Perumal, Youth Service.

Asst. Governor Rtn. Rohit Ramdev and Zonal Lieutenant Rtn. Dr. K. A. Prahlad were also present. On the occasion, Dr. G. L. Shekar, Dr. Sanmathi Nithyananda and Shubha Sanjay Urs were inducted as Honorary Members of the club for their contributions to the society in improving the lives of women and children.

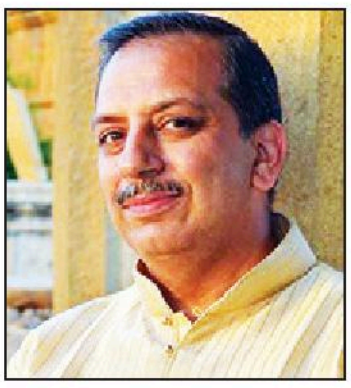
A unique project "Toy Bank" was launched to collect unused toys from houses and distribute the same to underprivileged children of the society in order to bring a smile on their faces.

Webinar on Astrophotography on July 17

Mysuru, July 14- Mysore Astronomical Society (MAS) is one of the prominent Astronomy Clubs formed to spread awareness about Astronomy, Astrophysics, Cosmology and Observational Astronomy.

Mysore Astronomical Society (MAS) is organising a Webinar on 'Joy of Astrophotography' on July 17 at 6 pm. The speaker is Ajay Talwar, a famous astrophotographer from Gurgaon.

One of the prolific and foremost transient sky events' astrophotographers in India, Ajay Talwar is also an amateur astronomer and has built one of the earliest Dobsonian telescopes in India. To capture the photons from far away deep sky objects, he travels to remote locations. Presently, he is the Vice-President for Amateur Astronomers Association of Delhi.



Ajay Talwar

Ajay Talwar took up astrophotography in 1987 during a night when the Moon was occulting the Pleiades. Since then he has continued photographing the skies passionately. He is the most prolific transient sky events photographer in India. One of his early accomplishments was to produce an exhibition of all Messier objects along with three other Indian astrophotographers.

Ajay travels with all his astrophotography gear to all across India, especially the Himalayas, places like high altitude Indian Astronomical Observatory at Hanle, Ladakh, high peaks in Himachal Pradesh. His interest to dark skies also take him to the white desert in the northwestern India.

Ajay Talwar regularly holds astrophotography workshops, including practical programmes in the Himalayas where participants are provided necessary equipment to photograph the sky.

Interested can participate in this webinar and registration is free. The Webinar shall be conducted through Google Meet. For details, contact Dr. S. A. Mohan Krishna on Mob: 96323-76757 and Shwetha Krishna, Conveners, Mysore Astronomical Society and Student Coordinator, Mrudula Chandrakar on Mob: 82773-51849.

National Conference on Communication and Data Science tomorrow

Mysuru, July 14- The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering of GSSS Institute of Engineering & Technology for Women, Mysuru is organising the second National Conference on Communication and Data Science (NCCDS – 2020) (virtual) on July 15 under Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) in association with ISTE, IETE and publication partner IJERT (International Journal of Engineering Research & Technology).

The Distinguished chief guest and Speaker of NCCDS - 2020 is Mathangi Sri, Head of Data-GoFood, Gojek, Bengaluru. The inaugural function will be presided by Vanaja B. Pandit Hon. Secretary, GSSS. R K Bharath, CEO & Management Committee Member, GSSS, Dr. M. Shivakumar, General Chair, NCCDS, Principal, GSSSIETW, Anupama B. Pandit, Administrative Officer will be present.

Conference Conveners Dr. Rajendra R. Patil, Professor & Head, Dept. of ECE and Dr. S. Padmashree, Professor, Dept. of ECE, Heads of other departments, staff and students of ECE Dept, GSSSIETW will attend.

NCCDS-2020 provides academicians, research scholars and students across India to share a common platform and have brainstorming sessions on the current trends and latest innovative research being carried out in the areas of Electrical, Electronics, Communication, Data science & other innovative Technologies. NCCDS-2020 has attracted manuscripts from Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and other States, according to a press release from U. Mahanthesh, Assistant Professor, Department of ECE, GSSSIETW [Mob:7411658426]

NEWS BRIEFS

Pondman Kamegowda on Madikeri Akashavani

Madikeri Akashavani in its 'Krishi Ranga' programme on July 15 at 6.55 pm, will feature 'Pondman' Kamegowda, who recently hit the headlines after PM Narendra Modi made a reference to him in his monthly 'Mann Ki Baat' programme on All India Radio (AIR) last month.

Renewal of tiger adoption

G.H. Samved Gowda, son of G.D. Harishgowda and grandson of G.T. Devegowda, MLA, Chamundeshwari Constituency, has renewed the adoption of tiger (Chamundi) of Mysuru Zoo for a further period of one year from 12.7.2020 to 11.7.2021, by making a payment of Rs.1,00,000 as adoption fee on the occasion of his birthday.

Cancer Clinic

Preethi Cancer Clinic has organised a 'Free Cancer Detection Clinic' at Preethi Cancer Centre, #873, Vani Vilas Road, Lakshmipuram, Mysuru, on July 16 from 10 am to 8 pm. For details, contact Ph: 0821-4259259.

Police Recruitment

The Staff Selection Commission (SSC) has invited applications from eligible candidates for the post of Sub-Inspectors in Delhi Police and Central Armed Police Forces for the year 2020. University degree holders aged 20 to 25 years are eligible to apply. SSC provides relaxation of five years for SC and ST candidates and three years for OBC candidates in the upper age limit. Interested candidates can visit websites http://ssckkr.kar.nic.in and http://ssc.nic.in for further details and submit applications before July 16. For details, contact Office of Assistant Director, District Employment Exchange Office, Mysuru or Ph: 0821-2489972.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	104.53 ft
Yesterday	104.37 ft
Inflow	5,122 cusecs
Outflow	3,581 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,270.77 ft
Inflow	2,392 cusecs
Outflow	1,500 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Yesterday	2,851.01 ft
Inflow	962 cusecs
Outflow	300 cusecs

Mysuru reports biggest spike of 151 COVID-19 positive cases; 6 more deaths

Mysuru, July 14- In a biggest spike in COVID-19 positive cases yesterday, Mysuru reported 151 cases. This is the highest so far and yesterday, the district stood third in Karnataka after Bengaluru Urban and Yadgir. While Bengaluru Urban reported 1,315 cases, Yadgir reported 162 cases.

The death toll in Mysuru has reached 37. Yesterday, Mysuru reported 6 deaths, the highest so far.

The cumulative positive cases in Mysuru stands at 966 with 482 discharged. There are 447 active cases who are being treated at the designated facilities. Yesterday, 54 patients have been discharged.

A positive note in Mysuru is that the number of patients who are being discharged is high, thanks to the best treatment facilities and the resistance power of the infected persons.

Apart from the designated COVID-19 hospital on KRS Road and the ESI Hospital, the Mysuru District Administration has converted the Karnataka State Open University Academic Block near Mysore Airport at Mandakalli as a COVID Care Centre. Patients with mild symptoms will be shifted there.

Update till 7.30 pm on July 13		
Total number of persons observed till date		16,081
Total number of persons who have completed 14 days' isolation		13,211
Total number of persons isolated in home for 14 days		2,562
Total active cases	Total	447
	Isolated in Government Facility (hospital)	212
	Isolated in Private hospitals	39
	Isolated in Home	196
Total samples Tested		28,439
Samples found Negative		27,443
Positive Cases on 13.7.2020		151
Total Positives		966
Discharge on 13.7.2020		54
Total Discharged		482
Total Deaths		37

District Helpline, DC Office Control Room: 1077
Arogya Sahayavani (Toll Free Health-Helpline Call Centre): 104

APPEAL TO PUBLIC: Any person who has been screened for COVID-19 or has been in personal contact with such person must remain in home isolation for 14 days from screening irrespective of having any symptoms or not. Also, should self-notify to nearest Government Hospital or call 1077 / 104 health helpline.

Maintain personal hygiene, use tissue paper/ handkerchief while coughing or sneezing, frequently wash hands with soap and water or hand sanitiser and avoid attending mass social gatherings.

New Containment Zones in Mysuru

1. A-Block, Siddhartha Layout
2. 4th Cross, 17th Main, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage
3. 7 B, near Orchid School, Ramakrishna Nagar
4. 3rd Cross, Sunnadakeri, K.R. Mohalla
5. 3rd Main Road, Bogadi 2nd Stage, North, near Nirmithi Kendra
6. 26 Block, BEML Layout, Srirampura
7. Central Hospital Quarters, Kalyangiri
8. 270, 7th B Main Road, Hebbal 1st Stage, near Annapurneshwari Temple
9. 2nd Stage, Kaveri Circle, Hebbal
10. Nandagokula Thrinethra Circle
11. 8th Main, 3rd Stage, near Easy Day, Gokulam
12. Madigahalli, Bannur hobli, T. Narasipur
13. 11th Cross, St.Mary's Road, N.R. Mohalla
14. Group 4 , KHB Colony, Hootagalli
15. near Podar International School, 4th Cross, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage
16. Gargeswari, T. Narasipur
17. F4 Chamundi Apartment, 2nd Cross, Lakshmipuram
18. Ooty Main Road, Gowrishankar Nagar
19. Katte Malalavadi, Hunsur taluk
20. 9th Cross, Shanthinagar
21. 6th Cross, 2nd Stage, Rajiv Nagar
22. Railway Police Station, #70, B-Company, Jyothi Nagar
23. Road behind Government School, Hinkal
24. Srikantadatta Wadiyar Block, Jyothi Nagar, near KEB Office
25. Basavaraja Circle, near Canara Bank, 3rd Stage Vijayanagar
26. Amma Complex, Ramakrishna Nagar
27. Gowrishankar Nagar, Mysuru
28. Maruthi Nivas, 2nd Main Road, Metagalli
29. Kesare 3rd Stage, R.S. Naidu Nagar
30. 4th Cross, Lashkar Mohalla
31. Ground Floor, 2nd Stage, 4th Cross Udayagiri
32. New Bamboo Bazar, Medar Block, 1st Cross

City Law Courts and MCC Main Office resume functioning

Mysuru, July 14 (RKB&DM)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Main Office on Sayyaji Rao Road in city, which was shut last week after an employee attached to the health section tested positive for COVID-19, resumed functioning from Monday.

Likewise, the District Law Court and the Court at Malalavadi (behind Apollo Hospital) too, which were shut last week after a practising advocate tested positive for the deadly virus, too started functioning from yesterday.

The MCC Main Office was shut down on July 7 after its health section employee tested COVID-19 positive on July 6.

Following the shut down, the MCC authorities sanitised, fumigated and disinfected all the buildings and the entire premises for four days. After the holidays on Saturday and Sunday, the MCC office resumed functioning from yesterday.

The District Law Courts Complex and the New Court Complex at Malalavadi too were shut down on July 7, after an advocate, who practised in both the Courts tested positive. Both the Court Complexes were sanitised and disinfected and the Courts were supposed to function on Friday last.

But as Saturday and Sunday were general holidays, the Court authorities decided to resume proceedings from Monday and accordingly, both the Courts started functioning from yesterday.

Meanwhile, the office of the Assistant Commissioner of Police (Traffic) located on Vinoba Road in Shivarampet, which was sealed down on July 2 after a lady Constable attached to the office tested COVID-19 positive, will re-open tomorrow (July 15), according to Assistant Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Sandesh Kumar.

Contract Nurses' protest enters sixth day

Mysuru, July 14 (RK&DM)- The indefinite protest launched by Contract Staff Nurses functioning at K.R. and Cheluvamba Hospitals, seeking fulfilment of their various demands, entered the sixth day today. Over 150 Contract Staff Nurses serving in these two State-run Hospitals are on protest since July 9, seeking fulfilment of their various demands, which chiefly included a hike in monthly wages and timely distribution of safety kits to all of them in the wake of COVID.

Arguing that their demands are just, they said that they are deputed for COVID-19 duty and the absence of safety kits poses a serious health risk for them.

Claiming that despite several representations, the Government is yet to consider their demands, they said they have launched the indefinite protest by wearing black bands to draw the attention of the Government to their plight.

Contract Nurses Association office-bearers Mahesh, Santosh, Ashok, Anita and others led the protest.

30 test positive in Mandya,
15 in Kodagu; 14 in Chamarajanagar

Mysuru, July 14 (KS)- COVID-19 positive cases in Karnataka crossed the 40,000 mark yesterday as the State reported 2,738 fresh cases and new 73 COVID deaths.

Mandya: Mandya Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. M.V. Venkatesh has stated that there would be no lockdown in Mandya. The DC disclosed this soon after Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa's video-conference with all DCs of the State.

Meanwhile, Mandya saw 30 COVID positive cases yesterday, taking the total number of positive cases to 718. Out of the total 718 cases, 505 patients have been discharged with 213 active cases remaining in the district, according to the media bulletin by the DC.

The DC has urged the public to maintain social distancing while shopping, wear face masks and take all necessary precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Kodagu: Kodagu saw 15 fresh positive cases yesterday taking the total number of positive cases to 184 out of which 68 patients have been discharged with 113 active cases remaining.

A total of three COVID patients have died and 77 containment zones have been announced by DC Annies Kanmani Joy.

Chamarajanagar: Chamarajanagar yesterday witnessed 14 fresh COVID positive cases, which included a member of Gundlupet Town Municipal Council and a three-year-old child taking the number of positive cases to 187 and one death. 16 patients were discharged yesterday. The death toll has gone up to two. Out of 187 patients, 93 of them have been discharged so far and 92 active cases are remaining. Out of 14 fresh cases, 11 cases were from Gundlupet taluk and three from Kollegal taluk.

Unscientifically discarded PPE kit found near PKTB Hospital

Mysuru, July 14 (RK&SD)- A pair of unscientifically discarded PPE kit (Personal Protective Equipment) was found near PKTB Hospital located on KRS road yesterday afternoon.

Following detection of abandoned PPE kit on vacant space between ESI Hospital and PK Sanatorium on KRS road, public got panic and informed the authorities immediately.

As no one turned up to clear the abandoned PPE kit which is considered to be a highly hazardous waste material, a resident of Brindavan Extension B.K. Nagendra finally informed MCC Zone-4 Officer Priyadarshini and Dr. D.G. Nagaraj in the evening.

Later, MCC Health Inspector Jayamaruti and Housekeeping Supervisor Babu, rushed to the spot and instructed a MCC staff member to wear safety kit and clear the hazardous waste material as per COVID-19 safety guidelines and cleaning protocol and carry it safely to dispose them off according to guidelines issued by the State Government.

Following this incident, fear gripped the public and the residents living in surroundings areas have urged the authorities to take strict action against those persons who have discarded these hazardous waste materials in such an irresponsible manner.

Mysore Palace re-opens for visitors

Mysuru, July 14- The Mysore Palace, which was shut last week after a Camel Caretaker in the Palace premises tested positive for COVID-19, re-opened for tourists and visitors from yesterday.

After the Palace was closed for tourists, the entire Palace premises was sanitised and disinfected for three days.

Following sanitisation, the Palace re-opened for the public on Monday, according to the Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya.

It is mandatory for everyone visiting the Palace to wear face mask, use hand sanitisers and maintain social distancing, he added.

COVID: Calling volunteers for door-to-door survey

Mysuru, July 14 (SD) - In view of increase in COVID-19 cases in city, the District Administration has invited interested students, NSS volunteers and others to come forward and participate in door-to-door survey for about a week in all 65 Wards.

Interested volunteers have been requested to register by calling Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Control Room Ph: 0821-2418800, 2440890 or Mob: 94498-41196. On successful completion of survey, volunteers will be given Certificate of Appreciation by MCC and District Administration, according to a release from MCC Commissioner Gurudutta Hegde.

Governor signs
Land Reforms Act amendment ordinance

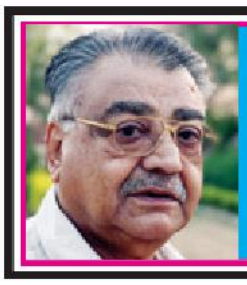
Bengaluru, July 14- Over a month after the Karnataka Cabinet passed an ordinance making amendments to the Karnataka Land Reforms Act,1961, Governor Vajubhai R. Vala on Monday signed the Karnataka Land Reforms (Amendment) ordinance, 2020.

Following the Governor's consent, the State Government has notified the Amended Act in the Gazette notification.

The amendment repeals Sections 79a, 79b and 79c of the Act that imposed stringent restrictions on ownership of agricultural land.

The amendment allows non-agriculturists to purchase agricultural land and to lift the ceiling on income from non-agricultural sources to do so.

It also essentially eases the restrictions on buying agricultural land, on who can buy it and the ceiling on extent of land one can hold.



Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Learning Life's Lessons from Fali S. Nariman: India's Advocate Extraordinaire ! – 3

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Fali Nariman mentions of yet another important Turning Point in his professional career in Bombay, before moving to Delhi. He was briefed by his "very good friend" Attorney Dharmsingh Popat, a senior partner of the famous Law Chamber Mulla & Mulla, Solicitors, in a famous case. It was a *cause celebre* in the Supreme Court. It was the very famous case known as Golakanth case (1967) — Golaknath Vs State of Punjab. Nariman had the privilege of appearing as a Junior Counsel in 1967 in this case assisting Senior Counsels A.K. Sen and N.A. Palkhivala.

Six years later in 1973, the same case was discussed in the Supreme Court in another context. By then, Nariman had become the Additional Solicitor General (ASG) of India. Certainly, being briefed (engaged) in the Golaknath case, thus, was no doubt an important Turning Point enabling him to know personally the giants in the Supreme Court and build his career.

The book discusses many important issues relating to our Constitution — fundamental rights, significance of preserving the 'basic structure' of our Constitution, the danger inherent in a majoritarian government (having more than three-fourths of Parliament's total strength), appointment of Judges etc.

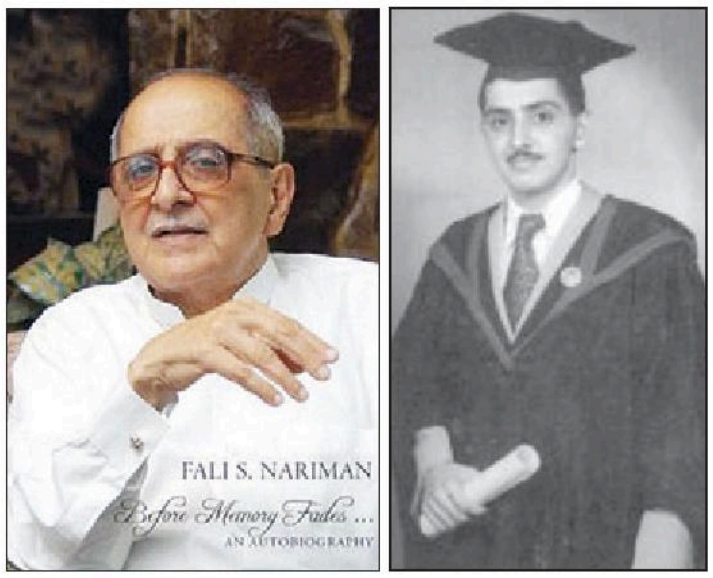
Nariman makes a very significant observation in the matter of the 'basic structure theory.'

"In asserting the 'basic structure theory,' the Supreme Court of India has, ... asserted **political power** — in the guise of judicial interpretation. That is why there are so many critics of the basic structure theory."

What is political power?

According to Nariman, "assumption of power by which one organ of Government (here in this context judiciary) is enabled to control another (here Parliament) has been characterised as political power." Let it be.

Five years after this theory was first propounded, the Parliament brought in the Constitution Forty-fourth Amendment Act-1978 providing that the fundamental right of **Life and Liberty** guaranteed by Article 21 of the Constitution could never be suspended by enacting a law or by a Constitutional Amendment even during an Emergency, as happened in 1975 Emergency. "The basic structure theory has now been woven into our Constitutional fabric," says Nariman. A reminder to all of us the imperative of safeguarding our right to Life and Liberty.



The cover page of the book. Picture right shows Fali Nariman in full academic dress with his degree of Bachelor of Laws.

Speaking for himself as belonging to Parsi minority religion of non-Indian origin, Nariman declares rather happily that "I have never felt that I lived in this country at the sufferance of the (Hindu) majority. ...I have lived and flourished in a Secular India. ...I would also like to die in a Secular India."

In 1966, when he was 38 years old, he was offered the post of a Judgeship at the Bombay High Court which he refused more for the poor remuneration of a Judge at that time. Apparently, he knew which side of the bread was buttered — private practice. But in 1972 he was happy to accept the appointment as the Additional Solicitor General of India. Luck and another Turning Point, as he would admit. However, as a man of high principles, he resigned as ASG after the Emergency was declared in 1975.

As I was traversing his days and years in Bombay, I found there was no mention of his parents. It was later, as in passing, a mention was made of his parents who had left India and gone back to Rangoon in 1947. Could it be at the instance of his mother who was from Rangoon, Burma? Men, generally, sway in family matters in the direction of their wives!!

As a result, Nariman lived, during his days at the Law College and early years at the Bar, with his father's cousin who was working as a Registrar in the High Court of Bombay till he got married.

Be that as it may, this might be the reason why he was alluding in the early pages of the book to Turning Points, Luck, Providence and God. He was naturally missing his father and had no 'Godfather' either as he had mentioned. Rest of the book, running to 450 pages with useful index, is all about his name, fame and position, becoming even Rajya Sabha (RS) Member etc. But, more importantly the inner working of superior Courts in our country and the appointments of Judges...

After he demitted office and became Fali S. Nariman, ex-MP, he resumed his legal practice. He was engaged in a few international commercial arbitration where he did well. He was also summoned by the President of India for advice on many legal issues. In 2007 he received the *Padma Vibhushan* Award from the then President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

Towards the end of the book, he reflects on old age. He was 80 plus, ripe old age, he admits, and tells the readers of the book what sustains him. Two things. First: The possibility and the thrill of winning a difficult case. Second: The affection of all his colleagues at the Bar.

Like the sting in the tail, he says:

"I must end with a note of apprehension." He goes on:

"My greatest regret in a long, happy, interesting life is the intolerance that has crept into our society. For centuries, Hinduism had been the most tolerant of all religions. But over the past few years (the book was written in 2010), I have been a reluctant spectator of a new phenomenon. The Hindu tradition of tolerance is under immense strain — the strain of religious tension fanned by fanaticism... Is Hinduism changing its face?..."

Having said this, speaking for himself as belonging to Parsi minority religion of **non-Indian origin,** he declares rather happily that **"I have never felt that I lived in this country at the sufferance of the (Hindu) majority. ...I have lived and flourished in a Secular India. ...I would also like to die in a Secular India."**

These are Nariman's last words in the book titled *"Fali S. Nariman, Before Memory Fades..."* He need not have any apprehension. He would surely die in a Secular India. I say this, like Osho Rajneesh, on my own authority!

As I closed the book, I was left wondering why, like the Parsis (the followers of a religion of non-Indian origin) other minorities professing a religion of non-Indian origin could not live in a Secular India, as perceived by Nariman in his personal case, without the alleged or supposed sufferance of the majority? Is there a need to redefine or differently interpret the word Secular in the context of India? I wish Fali Nariman had explained the causes for "the intolerance that has crept into our society." He could have explained why "The Hindu tradition of tolerance is under immense strain." Like everybody else he attributes the reason to "fanaticism" and goes into silence.

Social leaders of all India stature like Nariman should speak-out so that both the majority and the minority will **introspect** and practice **tolerance** which is good for all the people of this Secular India. Sadly, the wise always fall silent !

TAILPIECE: *Nariman writes about the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal set up in 1990. Nariman was the lead Counsel for Karnataka along with other three. A final decision was handed down by the reconstituted Tribunal in 2007, after 17 years. Karnataka challenged it in the Supreme Court... and a final 'resolution' of the dispute "is yet not in sight!" concludes Nariman when he wrote the book in 2010.*

Let me add here that a part of the anger in Karnataka over the Supreme Court direction on release of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu was directed against the State's Legal Counsel Fali S. Nariman. When I visited Delhi during S. Bangarappa's Chief Ministership in Karnataka, I happened to attend the proceedings of the Tribunal. There I saw Senior Tamil Nadu Advocate, I think, Parasaran while Fali S. Nariman was conspicuous by his absence. At the Tribunal and later when I interacted with our Karnataka lawyers and the then Law Secretary and Advocate General I got the sense that none of them was happy with their lead Counsel Fali S. Nariman.

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800-bed COVID Care Centre at Chamundi Vihar Stadium

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The Deputy Commissioner reassured that as of now there is no shortage of beds and if need be, more such facilities would be identified to be converted into COVID Care Centres.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, K. Suresh, Assistant Director, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES), Mysuru, said: "The 800-bedded CCC will be readied at Chamundi Vihar Indoor Stadium with two Dormitories and Warm-up Hall exclusively reserved for women patients and Green Area for doctors and nurses. The Stadium has wooden flooring and to make sure that the facility is not damaged with water seeping in, the whole area will be covered with mats. There will be three separate entry-exit points for men, women and Green Area staff."

MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, who inspected the Stadium yesterday, has been requested to make all necessary arrangements," he added.

The Chamundi Vihar Stadium, located on 32 acres of land, has facilities such as synthetic track, synthetic hockey grounds, two indoor stadiums, wrestling arena, swimming pool, fully equipped gymnasium, badminton, kabaddi, volleyball and basketball courts. It was the most visited sporting arena in city with n-number of walkers and joggers visiting the place on regular basis. However, the facility was forced to close after the COVID outbreak.

With the spike in number of positive cases, home isolation, private hospital isolation and CCCs have been facilitated.

Home isolation of patients has become fully active with over 196 patients isolated in their respective homes; private hospital has 39 patients and Government facilities have 212 active cases till yesterday.

Only asymptomatic and mild cases, which are certified by the healthcare professionals, are isolated in homes and cases that need to be monitored and treated are being isolated in hospitals. KSOU Academic Block and Chamundi Vihar Indoor Stadium have been added to COVID care facility apart from Government designated hospitals. As a last resort, the city Railway Hospital and Railway Coaches too can be used for COVID care.

II PU: 61.80 pass percentage

Dakshina Kannada and Udupi on top; Mysuru stands 15th

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Science stream recorded the highest pass percentage with 76.2 percent, followed by Commerce with 65.52 percent and Arts with 41.27 percent.

Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts shared the top slot with 90.71 pass percentage, followed by Kodagu with 81.53 percent and Uttara Kannada with 80.97 percent.

Mysuru District stands 15th in the list, recording a pass percentage of 67.98, which is marginally higher as compared to the previous year's 68.55 percent.

A total of 92 Colleges in the State recorded cent percent results, out of which 88 are unaided, 3 Government and 1 aided PU College. At the same time, 88 Colleges, including 78 unaided, 5 aided and 5 Govt. PU Colleges secured zero percent.

A total of 6,75,277 students had appeared for the exam this year, who included 5,56,267 fresh , 91,025 repeat and 27,985 private students.

In Mysuru district, a total of 35,004 (17,266 boys and 17,738 girls) students had appeared for the exam, including 9,792 from Arts,13,562 from Commerce and 11,650 from Science.

Abhijna Rao of Vidyodaya PU College in Udupi and M.N. Prerana of Vidyamandir Independent PU College in Malleswaram, Bengaluru, shared the first rank in Science with both of them securing 596 marks out of 600.

Aravind Srivatsa of Vidyamandir Independent PU College, Bengaluru, topped in Commerce scoring 598 marks. Incidentally, one of the Science toppers is from the same College.

Karegouda Dasanagoudra Kotresha of Indu Independent PU College at Kottur in Ballari district topped Arts stream scoring 594 marks. Incidentally, the College students have bagged the top seven ranks in Arts stream. The College has been bagging ranks in this Stream for the past several years.

As far as Mysuru City and District is concerned, J.N. Brunda of BGS Girls PU College in Kuvempunagar, bagged the second rank in the State in Commerce stream scoring 596.

M.S. Yashas of Gopalaswamy PU College near Nanjumalige in city secured third rank in Science stream by scoring 594. He has shared the third spot with three others in the State.

The exam was held in March and the English paper, the last one, that was scheduled to take place on Mar.23, was postponed indefinitely a day ahead of the exam, due to the outbreak of COVID-19. The English exam was held after a gap of nearly three months on June 18.

Thousands from Bengaluru return to their hometowns

Mysuru, July 14 (RK&SD)- With the State Government declaring week-long lockdown in Bengaluru, which will come into effect from 8 pm tonight, hundreds of people were seen returning to their hometowns on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road this morning. To check rising cases of COVID-19 cases in the State Capital, the Government has announced a complete lockdown of Bengaluru Urban and Rural districts with effect from July 14 to July 22.

In view of this situation, Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) added an additional 50 buses to aid passengers to reach their destinations in time. Every day, on an average, 120 to 130 KSRTC buses traverse between Mysuru and Bengaluru. Huge traffic snarls were also noticed at some places including near Columbia Asia Hospital on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road this morning.

Two-wheelers, cabs and cars including SUVs were seen rushing to their destinations and there was unusual traffic on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway, which caused traffic jams in some places.

People were seen travelling in KSRTC buses and other private vehicles along with their family and friends to reach their hometowns and villages before lockdown comes into effect. Apart from Mysuru, natives of Chamarajanagar and Kodagu were eager to reach their homes due to week-long lockdown declared in Bengaluru.

Meanwhile, Police personnel in Mandya and Mysuru stood helpless as they could not stop and check vehicles about details of vehicle registration and address of occupants.

The vehicular traffic is expected to reach its maximum level by this evening.

'Not wearing mask? Shop owners will not do business with you'

Mysuru, July 14 (RKB&SD)- In view of increasing number of COVID cases in city, Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) has decided not to deal and do business with persons who are not wearing masks.

Former President of the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI) Sudhakar S. Shetty, who issued a statement here yesterday, said, "We had a biggest spike in COVID-19 positive cases in Mysuru with 151 reported cases today (July 13) and the death toll has reached 37. Today (July 13), Mysuru reported 6 deaths, the highest so far. In view of this grave situation, MCCI has decided not to do business with persons who are not wearing masks."

"I would like to urge all local traders, businessmen and shop owners to follow this instruction without fail. They need to plead and encourage their customers to wear masks and maintain social distancing. Before entering their shop premises, all their employees and customers must be screened using thermal screening device and wash their hands with sanitizers. We need to follow 'No mask, No business' rule effectively to control of the spread of disease," he said.

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Why North and South do not meet

Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

Pardon my parochialism (or is it realism?) but I do feel that North and South are different and never the twain shall meet. It is the Aryan concepts that make things complicated. See what *Manusmriti* (2nd century BCE?) says: "From the eastern sea to the western sea, the area in between the two mountains [presumably the Himalayas and the Vindhyas] is what wise men call the land of the Aryas... Beyond it is the country of the barbarians."

The view that those who are not Aryans are barbarians, is barbarian. It is that view that sustains the idea of northern superiority. In fact, in cultural and intellectual terms, the Dravidians have a maturity that enables them to benefit from it, without flaunting it to claim superiority over others. Yes, the North is North and the South is South.

New light is shed on this old topic by Early Indians. Author Tony Joseph uses new data made available by advance DNA analysis technology. The "new hypothesis" validates the old hypothesis but in a different way. According to the new data, there was no large-scale migration to India during the last 40,000 years or so. Rather "there were two very ancient populations, one located in North India and the other in South India. All of today's populations descended from the mixing of these two groups, technically given the tags Ancestral North Indian (ANI) and Ancestral South Indian (ASI)." ANI has Caucasian roots while ASI, in all likelihood, migrated from Africa via the Southern route 50,000 years ago.

History sustains the North-South divide. Indus Valley/ Harappan Civilisation was Dravidian and it moved South following the Aryan invasion. The phrase "Aryan invasion" is anathema to the politicians of the North. They want us to believe that Aryans came from Thoothukudi and thereabouts. What is the use of history if it does not serve politicians?

The Vedas are projected as the foundations of Indian civilisation. Anything that points to the possibility of a civilisation before the Vedas would therefore be a body blow to Hindutva theories of India. Ironically Rigveda itself describes how the Aryans clashed with the Dasyus to get control of the land. Who were the Dasyus who were in control of the land before the Aryans came?

Tony Joseph's chapter *"The First Indians"* begins with the explanation: "How a bunch of Out of Africa migrants found their way to India, dealt with their evolutionary cousins... made this land their own and became the largest human population on earth." He has an Appendix that explains how migration from Eurasian Steppes changed the demography in a region extending from Europe to South Asia. And yet, "there are some who insist that the story of the Aryan invasion is a vast conspiracy."

Actually this whole thing is tied to, and sustained by, the North-South dichotomy that governs life in India. The BJP is perceived as a North Indian party. (Its foothold in Karnataka is seen as an aberration.) Its cultural essence is Hindi. To that extent, its appeal to the Dravidian, non-Hindi South will remain limited.

How can the alienation disappear when even our epics appear in variations that suit linguistic differences. The North's favourite *Ramayana,* Tulsidas' *Ramacharitmanas,* doesn't do well anywhere in the South. It is *Kambaramayana* in Tamil Nadu, *Dwipad Ramayanam* in Telugu Desam, *Torava Ramayana* in Kannada Desa and *Adhyatma Ramayanam* in Malayala Bhasha. Poor Valmiki is drowned in his variations.

How do we react to a sentence like: "The Aryan race flourished in India as agriculturists and as conquerors of the aboriginal races." Or, "the civilised race conquered the whole country from the barbarians." Or even the claim that the Aryan conquerors went West, settled down in Iran and composed the Zend Avesta. These were theories propounded even by renowned scholars like Romesh Dutt. But they make no sense when they ignore the inherent preconceptions in terms like barbarians.

E.V. Ramaswamy developed a whole philosophy on *Ramayana* being a vehicle for Northern cultural domination. That notion is unlikely to change as long as Ayodhya is central to the Rama story. And, don't forget, Ravana is seen as a Southerner and as a hero. This could be a game that no one wins in the end. In fact it can be a game in which there are only losers. Strong enough reason to pay special attention to Tony Joseph's exhortation: "We are all Indians. And we are all migrants."

Pramoda Devi prays for people's welfare on Chamundeshwari Vardhanti

Mysuru, July 14 (MK&SD)- Chamundeshwari Vardhanti Mahotsava was celebrated atop Chamundi Hill without much fanfare yesterday as only Temple staff and a few devotees were allowed to attend the traditional rituals, in view of COVID-19.

Marking the Vardhanti (birthday) Mahotsava, special rituals began early in the morning with priests performing Sankalpa, Panchamrutha Abhisheka, Sahasranamarchane, Ashtothara etc. The ritual activities seemed in tune with Nadaswaram being played by traditional musicians specially invited for the occasion. Later, torch lights were lit and ceremonial salutes were offered to the deity by Police Band and other teams.

Member of erstwhile Royal family Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, who was present for pujas from wee hours, bowed to the Goddess and sought her blessings.

Speaking to *SOM,* Pramoda Devi Wadiyar said, "While taking Sakalpa this morning in front of the Goddess, I prayed to Mother Chamundeshwari to seek her blessings. People need not fear. Mother Goddess is there to protect us, especially those who trust her. With her blessings, we will come out stronger in this scary situation."

Temple Chief Priest N. Shashishekar Dixit said, "On the occasion of Chamundeshwari Vardhanti Mahotsava, every year, we conduct Durbar Utsava in the temple here. According to the tradition, today, our presiding deity Chamundeshwari Devi holds Durbar in the temple. All her devotees seek her blessings on this special occasion and pray for welfare of mankind."

MLA L. Nagendra, former Mayor Sandesh Swamy, Muzrai Tahsildar S.N. Yatiraj, Mahotsava Committee Member Savitha Ghatke and others were present.

COVID-19 patient care at Railway Hospital and Rail Coaches in city when State Govt. seeks

Mysuru, July 14 (RK&DM)- With the number of COVID-19 positive cases rising by the day in the district, the Railway Hospital on KRS Road, opposite Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, has got ready to treat the infected patients. Likewise, the Rail Coaches at Railway Workshop in Ashokapuram too has got ready for patient care.

South Western Railway (SWR) Public Relations Officer (PRO) Priya Shetty said that if the State Government seeks, the Railways has decided to allow the District Administration to use the Railway Hospital on KRS Road and the Rail Coaches at Ashokapuram Railway Workshop as COVID-19 treatment facilities. Following the request, the SWR has readied the Railway Hospital for COVID -19 treatment and the Rail Coaches at Ashokapuram Railway Workshop have been turned as care centres with bed facility.

The Rail Coaches can also be used as isolation wards, she said and added that the Railways is always ready to extend all kind of support to the State Government to tackle the deadly virus.

The Railways has readied about 50 Wards in the Railway Hospital for COVID-19 patient treatment purpose, with all necessary facilities and the Doctors, Nurses, Paramedical and House Keeping staff have been trained in patient care.

It may be recalled here that DHO Dr. R. Venkatesh had visited the Hospital in the third week of March. With the Hospital having got readied, the district authorities have supplied hand sanitisers, face masks, Sodium Hypochlorite solution, bio-medical waste bag, PPE kits, ventilators, oxygen concentrators, centralised oxygen supply system, suction unit and other necessary equipment.

As far as Railway Workshop is concerned, a total of 312 Railway coaches, including 120 of Mysuru Division, have been turned into COVID-19 isolation wards. Eight infected patients can be treated in each coach (Bogie). All the coaches have beds, toilet, Ventilator, a medical store room and a rest room.

However, the District Administration, despite the readiness of the Railways, has not yet requested the Department for taking over the Railway Hospital and Rail coaches for treatment of COVID-19 infections.

At present, COVID-19 infected patients are being treated at the designated Hospital on KRS Road.

The District Administration has taken over the ESI Hospital on KRS Road, the shut down Vikram Hospital in Yadavagiri and the new Academic Block building of KSOU at Mandakalli as additional treatment facilities.

Earlier, soon as the pandemic broke out in March, the District Administration had taken over the defunct B.M. Hospital on Hunsur Road for using it as a quarantine facility.

When will this crater-like pothole in Yadavagiri be repaired?

Mysuru, July 14 (KS)- This huge crater-like pothole on Joy Ice Cream Road and Sankalp Central Park junction in Yadavagiri has become a nightmare to motorists especially two-wheeler riders since more than a year.

This pothole has resulted in many accidents with a few two-wheeler riders sustaining serious injuries.

Though this is a busy road which connects many localities, the pathetic condition of the road has still not caught the attention of the authorities concerned, who seems to be waiting for some fatal accidents to take place to start repair works.

Members of the public said that though the ditch on the road is there since a year, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) officials have turned a blind eye towards it despite the officials passing on this road regularly.

They further said that two-wheeler riders, unable to make out the deep ditch during rains have fallen from their vehicles and injured themselves. Many two-wheelers have also been damaged in accidents here, they alleged.

Also, the turning towards Joy Ice Cream factory has become a 'Blind Spot' as motorists from both sides are unable to see the vehicles coming from the Joy Ice Cream Road which has resulted in numerous accidents.

The public have urged the authorities concerned to get the road repaired at the earliest.

WORD OF THE DAY

Gourmand

Pronunciation: GOOR-mahnd.
Meaning: One who is excessively fond of eating and drinking.
Origin: "What God has plagu'd us with this gourmaund guest?" As this exasperated question from Alexander Pope's 18th-century translation of Homer's Odyssey suggests, being a gourmand is not always a good thing. When gourmand began appearing in English texts in the 15th century, it was a decidedly bad thing, a synonym of glutton that was reserved for a greedy eater who consumed well past satiation. That negative connotation mostly remained until English speakers borrowed the similar-sounding gourmet from French in the 19th century. Since then, the meaning of gourmand has softened so that although it still isn't wholly flattering, it now suggests someone who likes good food in large quantities rather than a slobbering glutton.
Example: "Their love was a tale of two gourmands. 'Marty and I fell in love and we loved to eat. Marty knew every restaurant in New York that did second helpings, and we knew every restaurant in Queens that didn't charge for dessert.'" — Marisa Meltzer.

THE ODD WORD

Gad

To wander about idly or in pursuit of pleasure.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Get a word in edgeways

Meaning: Join a conversation in which another is speaking continually and leaving little opportunity for others.
Origin: 'A word in edgeways', or as it is sometimes written 'a word in edgewise', is a 19th century expression that was coined in the UK. 'Edgeways/edgewise' just means 'proceeding edge first'. The allusion in the phrase is to edging sideways through a crowd, seeking small gaps in which to proceed through the throng. The phrase 'edging forward' exactly describes this inch-by-inch progress. It was first used in the 17th century, typically in nautical contexts and referring to slow advance by means of repeated small tacking movements, as here in Captain John Smith's The generall historie of Virginia, New-England and the Summer Isles 1624: After many tempests and foule weather, about the foureteenth of March we were in thirteene degrees and an halfe of Northerly latitude, where we descried a ship at hull; it being but a faire gale of wind, we edged towards her to see what she was.
This practice of 'edging' was used with reference to the spoken word by David Abercromby, in Art of Converse, 1683: Without giving them so much time as to edge in a word.

QUOTE BOX

It's the edges of the maps that fascinate. — **David Mitchell**

RIDDLE THIS

What gets wet while drying?

Answer: A towel.

SUDOKU

		2	7			1		3
					1			9
5						4		2
			9				8	
2		5				6		7
	7				4			
1		6						8
9			3					
8		3			2	7		

Answer to previous puzzle

6	4	9	3	8	2	1	7	5
7	8	2	1	6	5	3	4	9
5	3	1	7	9	4	8	2	6
2	9	6	4	1	3	5	8	7
4	7	5	8	2	6	9	3	1
8	1	3	5	7	9	4	6	2
3	5	7	6	4	1	2	9	8
1	2	8	9	3	7	6	5	4
9	6	4	2	5	8	7	1	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

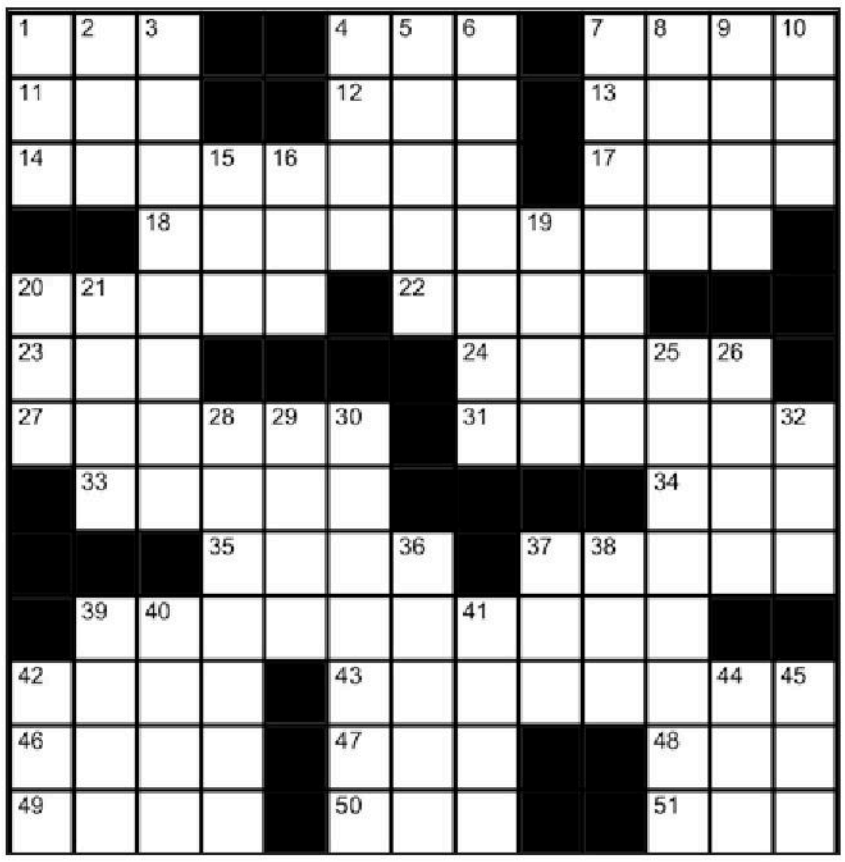
1 Suffix to denote continuation?
4 Young sibling
7 Moon as a prefix?
11 Low Earth Orbit
12 Hunan pan
13 Part of QED
14 Central Pacific republic
17 Old time ruler of Russia
18 Gigantic
20 Office worker in short
22 Cut off a bit
23 Monetary unit of Vietnam - "o ha" anagram?
24 Destroy gradually
27 Draws out or reasons out
31 Refused to grant
33 Cast ____ : reject or discard?
34 Crafty, cunning and unpleasant
35 Sever or pull apart
37 Annoy; torment
39 Exotic flower essence (5-5)
42 Assault, attack or bombardment
43 Eve is said to have been made form this? (5,3)
46 Old Gaelic
47 One short of a soccer team
48 Compass heading
49 ___ off : prevent entry to and exit from an area?
50 Before or previous to, poetically speaking
51 A conclusion

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	T	E			D	C	I		P	A	M	
P	A	R	K		I	R	K		A	L	I	E
T	E	R	A	B	Y	T	E		S	I	N	S
			R	I	A			O	S	A	K	A
D	O	M	E	D		S	O	N	U			
I	V	A	N			T	R	O	P	E	Z	
S	A	X			J	I	B			T	I	N
	L	I	O	N	E	L			W	A	N	T
			F	O	W	L		H	I	T	C	H
C	H	A	F	E			D	I	D			
H	O	P	I		A	P	O	S	T	L	E	S
E	P	I	C		C	A	D		H	O	G	S
	E	O	E		E	D	O			M	O	W

DOWN

1 Kind
2 Indonesia's earlier name
3 Splendid; very beautiful
4 The burglar's loot
5 Tiny amounts ?
6 Fleeced or swindled, colloquially speaking?
7 Treat less severely; be more lenient with (3,2,2)
8 Major or minor in the sky?
9 Indian leavened bread
10 Air Transp. Radio
15 ___ Botham : famous English all-rounder?
16 Brother, in short
19 To become weary
20 Feminine pronoun
21 POTA predecessor
25 Differ
26 Long fishes
28 Fortress or stronghold?
29 Kolkata's ___ Gardens
30 Popular hard drive brand
32 Change the colour of
36 Famous painter - "dryer" anagram?
37 Flat-crowned hat
38 Abstract being?
39 Lively
40 Girl's name
41 Narrow alley
42 Legal thing
44 Motel kin
45 Couch or cot



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and Words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

AL PAK HOBGULU NKZ VKO PABS NKZ JBTD PGUALU

SK SBDL VOKX NKZ PABS NKZ ABYL.

TODAY'S CLUE: Z EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Who looks outside, dreams who looks inside, awakes.

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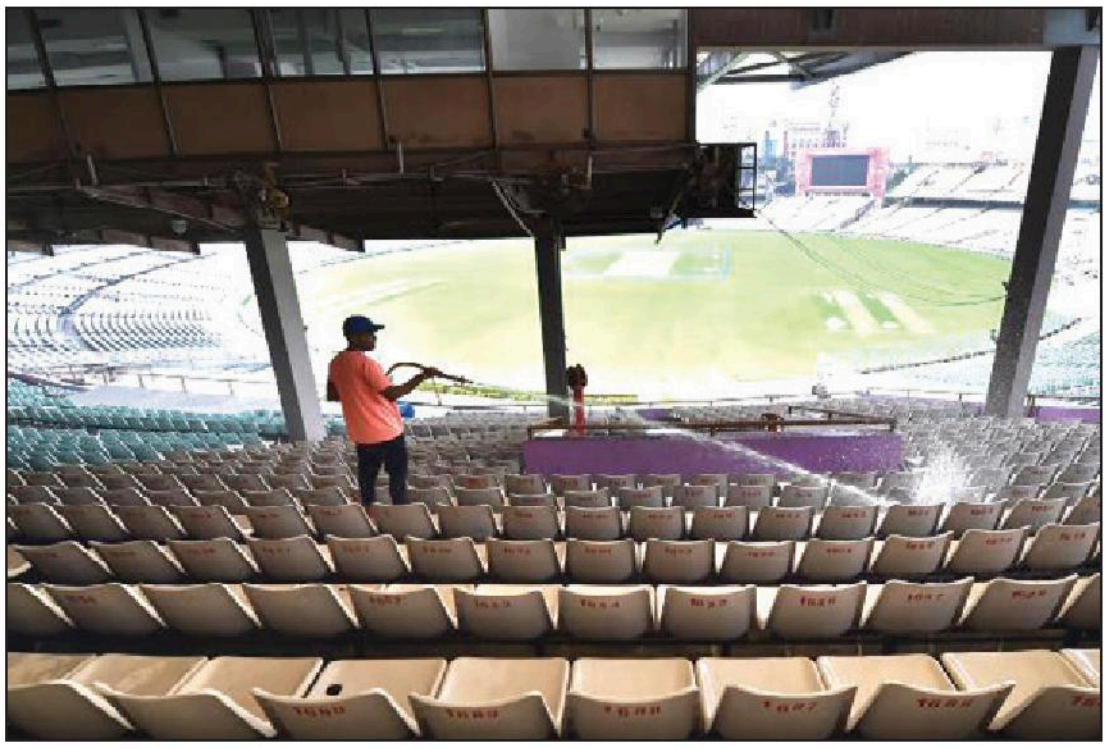
Plea to relay inter-locking tiles on footpath at Krishnamurthypuram

The inter-locking tiles laid on the footpath from Ashoka Circle (Ballal Circle) towards Ashokapuram have collapsed as the earth below has caved-in forming a pit. This is causing a lot of problems to the pedestrians, especially senior citizens and children, who are now forced to walk on the road risking their lives. Residents said that even footpath that was developed recently is constructed unscientifically as the footpath is more than a feet above the road with pathways to residences forcing the elderly to climb up and down on the footpath. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the pit covered and relay the tiles at the earliest.

Dilapidated electric pole posing danger at Vidyanagar

A dilapidated electric pole in front of House No. 114 at Vidyanagar 4th Cross is posing danger as it may fall anytime causing injuries to people residing nearby. CESC authorities are urged to replace the dilapidated electric pole before any fatalities take place.

Kolkata's iconic Eden Gardens to turn into quarantine centre



Hundreds of beds are to be set up in the 80,000 capacity stadium for Cops

Kolkata, July 14- Kolkata's legendary Eden Gardens Cricket Stadium is to be used as a quarantine centre for Indian Police who have the Coronavirus, officials said Saturday last.

With the city's hospitals under growing pressure, hundreds of beds are to be set up in the 80,000 capacity stadium that was used for the 1987 World Cup final.

Nearly 550 Kolkata Police have tested positive for the Coronavirus and two have died.

"It is our duty to help and support the administration in this hour of crisis. The quarantine facility will be used for Police personnel who are COVID-19 warriors," said Cricket Association of Bengal President Avishek Dalmiya.

The beds will be put in galleries around the seating and not on the pitch that was last used by India for a day-night Test against Bangladesh last November.

"Such areas would be thoroughly segregated as a safety measure," added Dalmiya.

The Stadium is also used by the Kolkata Knight Riders Indian Premier League side but this year's Tournament has been repeatedly postponed because of the pandemic.

WTA adds two events, adjusts rankings method for 2020

Florida, July 14- The **Women's Tennis Association (WTA)** Tour revised its provisional 2020 schedule and player rankings method Thursday as women's tennis prepare to return from a Coronavirus pandemic shutdown.

The WTA plans to return August 3 with the Palermo Ladies Open and two more events were unveiled Thursday for the week of August 10, the Prague Open in the Czech Republic and the Top Seed Open in Lexington, Kentucky.

The US event replaces a hard-court Washington stop that typically was played alongside an ATP Tour event.

"As the WTA Tour looks to return to competition in 2020, we are pleased to provide additional playing opportunities for our athletes," WTA Chairman Steve Simon said.

The WTA rankings system calculates player results for ratings used for seedings and entry into tournament draws, typically drawing upon a woman's top 16 singles results or 11 doubles results over the past 52 weeks, with some events weighted more.

The rankings were frozen on March 16 due to the COVID-19 hiatus, with rankings extended beyond 52 weeks even as the tour reviewed what needed to be done upon returning to play.

Australia's Ashleigh Barty, the 2019 French Open champion, tops the frozen women's singles rankings.

The WTA will follow a better of 2019 and 2020 model with player commitment requirements eliminated for 2020.

The revised system will have a player's best 16 singles or 11 doubles results in events from March 2019 and December 2020 with the best of 2019 and 2020 points to be used.

No player, however, can count the same WTA event or Grand Slam tournament twice in compiling her rankings.

Points added in 2020 will drop after the same event is set to be played in 2021 or after 52 weeks, whichever comes first.

Qualifying for the WTA Finals Shenzhen was tweaked with a player's 16 best results from 2020 events to be used in the Race to Shenzhen singles standings, with the top eight players qualifying for the WTA Finals.

American Sofia Kenin, ranked fourth, leads the Race to Shenzhen after winning the Australian Open in January.

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